

Everyman's

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Australian Defence Force
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ON PATROL

Patron

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

From the CCOMM's desk...

Introducing MOSES

Dear Friends

If you are anything like me, you welcome the fact that you have the privilege of approaching another new year, and a new chapter in all our lives. I am greatly pleased to be able to say Everyman's is now in its 78th year of service to the Australian Defence Force, and even more pleased to say that our mission and purpose remains as rock solid as it did on the first day Everyman's opened its first rickety little wooden rec hut to the RAAF in 1940.

Christian Community Caring for Defence is no mere slogan, but action on the part of a growing group of men and women who daily show their love for our Defence personnel. Right now REP Warren CLARKE is in the middle of a 4 month overseas deployment serving the Defence Force. He is far from all he is used to, being one of our valued staff at Kapooka. Like all Christians called to the mission field, our REPs depart from family and loved ones when they volunteer for 4 months without pay, to serve the ADF overseas.

Their love for ADF members shines through their dedicated service and the Defence Force continually asks for Everyman's REPs to be part of an on-going component of their Overseas Operations. Sadly we cannot always send REPs due to the fact that they do not have the financial wherewithal to attend to this vital mission.

To that end we have initiated **MOSES; Missions Overseas - Sponsorship Encouragement Scheme**. In the body of this On Patrol and on our new Website, you can partner in this extraordinarily important venture with us, to make more REPs available to serve on Overseas Mission without the concern of financial pressures at home.

Please consider how you might be involved in MOSES, and in so doing, share in the tremendously satisfying goal of supporting this nation's finest, who put their lives on the line for our nation and country.

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CO-LABOURERS

At Everyman's we realise we can make a small impact on the ADF, but in conjunction with fellow ministries, the results are magnified. We gratefully acknowledge these like-minded ministries with whom we work to serve the ADF:

Chaplains	FOCUS	Military Christian Fellowship (MCF)
Navigators	SASRA	Red Shield Defence Service
Focus on the Family	Solid Rock	The Bible Society
Naval Military and Airforce Bible Society		



ACOM George Thomas at the firing range with a welcome supply of frozen zooper doopers during his deployment in the Middle East last year.

More on MOSES...

Everyman's is currently engaged in overseas mission serving the Australian Defence Force in the various areas they deploy. This gives our Everyman's and Everywoman's REPs opportunity to minister to our ADF members when they are away from loved ones, and sometimes afraid in an unfamiliar environment where the big questions of life are often prompted.

What better place for the Everyman's REPs to be, as we offer counsel, comfort, and the much loved refreshments in the form of a cold drink, an ice block and a snack? Most important is the smiling and friendly Everyman's face, always willing to sit down and listen to any problems or concerns an ADF member may have when they are far away from home.

How You Can Help

During our REPs time overseas, financial requirements at home still need to be met and in some cases family needs to be supported. You can elect to sponsor one of our overseas missionaries to assist with their personal financial needs while they are away.

We invite you to share in our Overseas Missions supporting our REPs overseas in your prayers, financially through a one-off gift, or sponsorship for the period of deployment (4 months).

EWS LOCATIONS

- 9FSB & RAAF Base, AMBERLEY, QLD
- Kokoda Barracks, CANUNGRA, QLD
- Gallipoli Barracks, ENOGGERA, QLD
- Victoria Barracks, PETRIE TERRACE, QLD
- HMAS Kuttabul, HOMEBUSH, NSW
- Navy Accommodation, STRATHFIELD, NSW
- 17 Brigade, RANDWICK, NSW
- Blamey Barracks, KAPOOKA, NSW
- Gaza Ridge Barracks, BANDIANA, VIC
- Latchford Barracks, BONEGILLA, VIC
- Simpsons Barracks, MACLEOD, VIC

From Rep Ben Ridley...

8/9 RAR on Exercise

2017 was a busy year for the 8th/9th Battalion as the unit was preparing for its upcoming role as the 'online' Battalion. During a month long deployment to Shoalwater Bay, 8/9 experienced the extremes of our weather with the bay flooding during the first phase of the Exercise, then to temperatures over 40 degrees during the second phase!

Naturally, this meant they needed a visit from the Everyman!

I was able to serve not only the Battalion but many other units from 7 Brigade. My time was fruitful as

well as challenging, being the only Philanthropic representative looking after the hundreds that were deployed. This meant many long nights running in to the local towns to resupply the Brew Truck ensuring that as many of the diggers as possible would get a taste of morale. Most days I would fill the truck to overflowing with goodies only for it be emptied within an hour or so of my return! Then I would do it all over again!

Remembering how much I appreciated seeing the Everyman during my time in the Army made it all worthwhile. I had many great conversations along the way and have many people to follow up with during 2018.

This year is shaping up to be massive with Phil, Richard and I being asked to support the Combat Engineers during the Commonwealth Games as well as the upcoming major exercises with the 8th/9th Battalion.



The soldiers of 8/9 RAR queue at the Brew Truck when it arrives on site at Shoalwater Bay bringing some much needed morale with refreshments during the month long training exercise

The Inaugural Albert Borella VC Award...

at ALTC, Bandiana

Late last year, we were able to award the first Albert Borella VC Everyman's Exemplary Support Award to **CPL Jason GARDNER**.

Albert Borella was a local to Albury who was decorated with the VC and other medals due to his incredible bravery in the field in WWI.

The Award itself was the brainchild of REP Kristian KEMPER, (Everyman's Latchford Barracks) who saw a need to compliment and encourage any ADF members who strive to serve their mates through improving the Everyman's service.

The award was presented at the end of year parade at Army Logistics Training Centre, the home of EWS HQ. Jason went above and beyond the call of duty to help Everyman's set up a much better centre at Latchford Barracks by working closely with Kristian.

One of our great delights was to receive the permission of the Borella family in the naming of the award, and to also have Albert Borella's son, Rohan present the award to Jason. We wish Jason and family all the best as Jason continues to serve, not only his country, but his colleagues at large, in a very special and commendable way.



CPL Jason Gardner with his family, and Rohan & Mary Borella

From Rep Warren Clark...

Middle East Region

During the festive season there was a variety of tasks to be fulfilled, as well as my regular duties. I assisted the Welfare Committee setting up and supporting the activities planned for Christmas. This included being Santa for the camp Christmas party! I also worked hand in hand with the Padres in the preparation of the many Christmas services held for the Aussies and our coalition partners: the Brits, Kiwis, Yanks, Dutch, and Italians. On Boxing Day the Aussies took on the Poms in a game of cricket, on the dust bowl, (it is exactly how it's named, no grass at all, just dust), where the Aussies took victory (just like at home)! We then played the Yanks who gave us a thrashing! (And I didn't think they played cricket)! I suspect a few ring-ins from Pakistan and India bolstered their team. Coalition volley ball matches were also played.



We saw the New Year in with much laughter and song with our Coalition Partners and with entertainment from the Australian Army Band, Victoria Barracks Sydney, and invited comedians and entertainers. It was a night to remember. On Australia Day we again took on the Poms in cricket and volleyball with a night of entertainment in the Sands Recreation Centre.

I have also taken lead in some of the Cultural Tours that the Padre's provide for the Members. These tours include the Jumeirah Mosque in Dubai, the Grand Mosque in Abu Dhabi, and the Al Ain Oasis.

Everyone that I have spoken to, including the Commander, has said that the Philanthropic Representation here is very worthwhile, and that it is a vital part of making sure that the ADF members overall morale and wellbeing is taken care of.

I thank the Lord daily for the opportunity he has given me to work for Him on this vital Mission.

MOSES is for REPs like Warren Clark, currently serving in the Middle East Region, or preparing for deployment

More ways to give.....It's now possible to set up regular (or one-off) Direct Giving from your own bank account straight into ours! The details you need are:

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